The Rev. Mr. Phillips having stated, at a meeting of the Vestry of the Church of the Crucifixion, held March 4-1907, that he had completed 30 years of service at the Church, on the first Sunday in Feby., & having mentioned some of the things done during that time, the Vestry kindly requested him to put on paper what he had told them.

I took charge of the Church the first Sunday of Feby. 1877. Except for the previous 16 months, I had worked continuously in the parish as lay-man or as a candidate for Orders, since 1870.

Previous to my becoming the minister of the Parish, it had had no clergyman for many months. It was thought that the Church would have to be closed.

I took it with the understanding that there was no fund out of which I could be paid a salary. It owed my predecessor $400-

The Church, with a small back building was both unattractive & uncomfortable. It had a ground rent of $

I found on the roll book a list of 112 Communicants, nearly one half of whom I never saw.

In 1881 it was decided to build a new Church. The ground rent was paid off & two houses bought in Bainbridge St. for the new Church. It was fin-

ished & opened for divine service Sept. 26, 1884.
In 1887 the old Church was torn down & a Parish Building, containing 14 rooms & a large auditorium erected. It was finished March 18, 1888.

In 1901 the Church was entirely destroyed by fire & the Parish House very much damaged. It was rebuilt in 1902.

Just before the fire occurred, the house, North of the Parish Building, had been secured, as additional rooms for parish work, were needed. Before making the necessary repairs on the Parish Building, it was decided to tear down the new house & enlarge that building. That made an addition of 10 rooms.

In 1891, a Sunday School was began at 903 McKean St. It now occupies the whole house at 905 McKean St., the first floor being used as a chapel.

In 1894, a new work was began at 1131 Dorallee St. (near 19th & Ellsworth Sts.) Later on a piece of ground was bought at 22?? & Reed Sts. a frame Chapel erected & the work removed there. In 1902 this work was turned over to the Church of the Holy Apostles.

The Endowment Fund was started in 1890 from a gift of Mrs. J. C. Lewis, of $250.

Some of the things that have grown out of the work

of the Church of the Crucifixion.

In 1898, a note of introduction from Mr. N. Dubois Miller brought me in touch with Mr. Theodore Starr. Through this assistance, "The Progressive Working Men's Club," for Colored men, was organized. In that Club the first penny savings fund in the city of Phila. was begun. That has grown into "The Theodore Starr Savings Bank" with depositors. There are about 70 "Stamp Centres," feeders to the Bank, scattered over the city. Because of this connection with the Church of the Crucifixion, Mr. Starr began social work in the neighborhood of 7th & Emeline Sts. Out of that work has grown "The Starr Park," occupying half a block from 6th to 7th & Lombard Sts.; "The Starr Centre," 725-729 Lombard St., employing 12 workers who are doing Social work. One of its branches is the "Coal Club" confined to Colored persons, that saved in one year $1734.

One of the first free Kindergarten Schools in this city was begun in the old Church of the Crucifixion.

"The Church League for work among Colored People of the Diocese of Pa." grew out of the work of the Church of the Crucifixion. It was organized March 1897, with Bishop Whitaker's consent. Under it two Deaconesses have worked at the Church of the

Crucifixion for 3 years each, & one of them at St. Augustine's Missions. Through this League, St. Augustine's & St. Gabriel's Chapel have come into existence. It also assisted the work at 22nd & Reed Sts. It is now supporting a parish worker at the Crucifixion & paying a part of the salary of the Clergyman at St. Augustine's.

"The Guild of the Holy Cross" was organized among the teachers of the Sunday School, & has done much for the Endowment Fund.

In 1877, the Communicant list showed 112 persons. There are in 1907, 325 actual communicants. Thirty years ago, the whole neighborhood was occupied entirely by colored people. Today it is peopled almost entirely by Jews & Italians.

In 1877 the Church contributed for all purposes, $203.48
In 1906, it contributed for all purposes $1612.25 &
sent 3 boxes to missionary fields.

During these 30 years, I have had some of the best workers to be found in the Diocese. Such women as Miss Farr, Miss Stokes (Mrs. Anders) & Miss McClay, ought never to be forgotten. The present accounting warden was for 5 (?) years Supt. of the Sunday School.

Much spiritual good has come out of this

work. Hundreds have been helped out of the moral surroundings, where spiritual growth seemed impossible. Moving to other parts of the city, they found themselves & started a new in an upward course.

Even among those who could not-leave, I have seen the beautiful lily growing on the dung heap. I have seen among the poorest & lowliest of the neighborhood the highest type of Christian man-hood & woman-hood. One must have seen this work in its earlier stages to understand thoroughly the meaning of the sentence: "The Gospel is the power of God to salvation".

Henry L. Phillips.

Lent 1907.